

SENATOR VICKERS: ...I don't believe it's quite as easy to set up residency as Senator Schmit indicated, that you just have to move across the State line and you're a resident. We have in statute a requirement and that requirement I'm not fully aware of as yet because we're still looking it up but I think it's either six months or a year that you have to be in Nebraska first before you're a resident. And that has been upheld. I can tell you it's not quite so easy because I, I don't think Nebraska's any different than other states and I have two sons that paid out of state tuition for quite a period of time. And over in Iowa and if they could have set up residency, it would have been a whole lot easier. But that, I think, is an issue that may or may not be applicable to 126. If there's a problem with people being able to set up residency in this State too easy, then I guess we have a problem with out of state tuition in all of our institutions. But let me simply tell you that as far as the argument regarding, as far as the argument regarding whether or not these funds are going to go to private colleges versus public schools that I've been a great advocate of the public colleges. I'll tell you a little bit of a, of a personal note. I've got a daughter that graduated from UNL. She went to UNL, thank God, on a track scholarship, one of those female athletes. And that helped considerably as far as tuition was concerned, as far as payments were concerned. But then she decided she wanted to be a physical therapist. Now you know in order to be a physical therapist, you have to go to certain schools. You really don't have an awful lot of choice. You go where you're accepted. And she happened to be accepted in Northwestern in Chicago. Now I'll tell you, that's, there's a little bit of difference as far as tuition is concerned between Northwestern and UNL. But she really didn't have any choice. She really didn't have any choice. If that's what she wanted to be, she had to go where it was offered. Now I suggest to you that there are students that way right here in Nebraska. I suggest to you that there may be a student in Omaha that wants to be a lawyer but for various reasons doesn't want to leave Omaha so they go to Creighton rather than coming down here to UNL to the law school or maybe they get accepted in the med school at Creighton and they don't get accepted in the med school at UNL. Now are we going to say to that student that because you got accepted into Creighton, do we really want to say to him that because you got accepted into Creighton and didn't get accepted in UNL, we're not going to help you. We're not going to give you any funds. Now Senator Nichol brought up how they could send it to specific institutions. Well the only way I know you could stop that would to say well, look, public education is so valuable to us in this State that we're not going to make this work study program applicable to any student from Nebraska that goes into a private institution unless that program they're taking at that private institution is not available to them in a public institution. I suppose